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Supreme Court Hobby Lobby Ruling and Eden Foods

Seattle, WA:

In the wake of the Supreme Court's recent ruling in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*, Central Co-op has received inquiries from some owners and community members regarding Eden Foods' position on contraceptive coverage for employees.

While many of us may not personally agree with Eden's actions on this particular issue, Eden Foods has been an industry leader in maintaining organic standards and bringing BPA-free packaging to the U.S. market, directly supporting our Co-op's purpose through their pioneering product offering. A lot of factors go into the purchasing decisions that we make, and we have to keep in mind the needs of people who rely on the availability these high quality foods. While we do not plan to join a boycott, Eden's action contesting certain parts of the Affordable Care Act is cause for us to review what options we have for products which better reflect our guidelines and make decisions accordingly.

In cases like this one, we encourage our owners and customers to vote with their dollars by supporting those companies that they like and believe in.

About Central Co-op: Central Co-op is a member-owned natural foods cooperative located at the top of Seattle's Capitol Hill, and dedicated to sustainable practices and the local food economy. A complete grocery store, we feature an organic produce department, sustainably raised and harvested meat and seafood, an in-house deli and juice bar, a large selection of bulk goods and herbs, an extensive health and wellness section, and unique gifts. Open to everyone, seven days a week. More info online at www.centralcoop.coop

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Please note: this document has been modified from the original post on July 7, to reflect updates to our position.